Figure 1. KEY MAPPING

	Key	Visual Cue	Stroke/Radical	Examples Ues
	Α	Α	人イヒ日	会金大走奈谷幾仁气
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5	С)	犭豸 豕魚馬龍鹿	
			牛羊虫鳥龜	豺狐豬 家 蒙
	D	•	\ <u></u>	方之太
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10	G	ಎ		廸 過 健
	Н	(一工皿	正上
	Ιi	Ιi	计言	中上正了丫丬 小订
	J	J	j	才广尸尹川用我
	K	<	\/ } {\/ \/	丬四六八巜永小公冬头冲东東谷
15	L	L	レレZム	儿廿乩即宏能
	M	M	火灬	灶 灰 魚
	Νn	1 ← □	ネ示门	礼祭同過用舟而皿
	0			回呂嗎勛駡国因
	Р	Р	卩阝耳尸	部除服聆聳
20	Q	豆	女田	妝 好
	r ħ	R. A	乀 几乁	分 入 之 飛 戈 我
	S	3,	水~灬弓	汁 汞 氹
	Τt	+	+++	千花子
	U	/ U>	心个	忙忘
25	V	✓	扌手	刁打挈
	W	W	竹癶 タヤ	竺 發 登 祭
	X	X	X	女文丈义 又久
	Υ	*	木	村杏呆困本休米
	Z		衤衣	良辰長派被衰
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Figure 2. SAMPLE CHARACTER SEQUENCES

	1.	第一 This complex character is composed of simpler strokes and/or
		characters:
5		ノーフーーフノフッ木
		j i f h h h j j f k y (key encoding)
		Therefore, the encoding is: "jifhhhjjfky". However, 身is also a
		character represented by the encoding "jifhhhj", which is abbreviable to the
		encoding "j". So the encoding "jjfky" will also identify the character 躹.
10		Furthermore, 🖟 is also a character and abbreviable to the encoding "y".
		Therefore, the encodings "jifhhhjjfy" and "jjfy" identify the character 躹.
	2.	☐ This character is composed of two other characters ☐ (means
		mouth) and + (means the number 10):
		口十
15		o t (key encoding)
		Therefore, the encoding is: "ot"
	3.	This character is composed of the same two characters as the above
		character but in a different order:
		十口
20		t o (key encoding)
		Therefore, the encoding is: "to"
	4.	困 - This character is made up of the character □ and 木. So the
		encoding should be "oy". However, to distinguish it from the following

- character, which is also composed of the same component characters, a positional encoding is added, making the encoding "oyx".
- 5. 果- This character is also made up of □ and 木, so the encoding should also be "oy". To create a distinct encoding, a positional encoding is added, making the encoding "oyz".

Figure 3. SYSTEM DIAGRAM

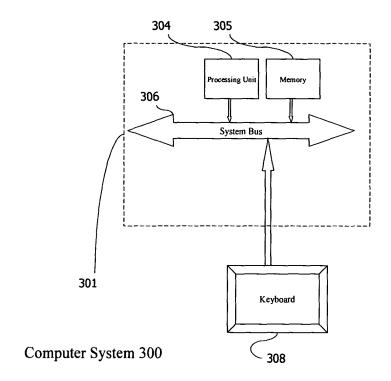
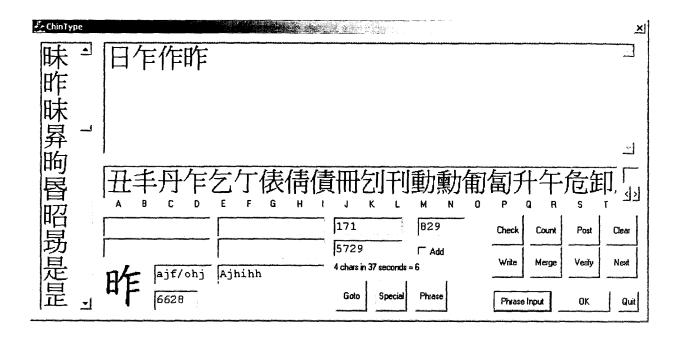


Figure 4. USER VIEW OF ONE EMBODIMENT



In this particular embodiment of the present invention, a computer program running on personal computer interacts with a user to receive input text strings and then comparing them to the predefined strings stored in the program is used. The large top window is the output window and shows Chinese characters that have been successfully identified and accepted. The long flat window below is the candidate window which shows characters that have passed certain selection criteria given an input text string and awaiting manual selection by the user pressing a letter between 'a' to 't' corresponding to the label of the candidate below each candidate.

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Figure 5. AN EXAMPLE BACKWARD EQUIVALENCE TABLE

Below is a code fragment in C language defining one version of a "backward equivalence table" as described above. Each letter in the encoding language's alphabet may be defined to be equivalent to 0 or more encodings.

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5
     radDef dumbrads[22] = { 2, L"oh", // a - 0}
                             4, L"ifhh", 4, L"jfhh", // b - 1, 2
                             // c
                             // d
10
                             8, L"jidhhhih", 7, L"adhhhih", 3, L"hth", 3, L"hlh", 3,
     L"fhh", 2, L"hl", 2, L"fh",// e - 3..9
                             // f
                             // g
                             // h
15
                             5, L"dhhho", // i
                             // j
                             2, L"dd", // k - 10
                             // 1
                             4, L"dddd", // m - 11
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                             4, L"hhik", // n - 12
                             // 0
                             6, L"hiihhh", 3, L"ffi", 2, L"fi",// p - 13, 14, 15
                             4, L"ahih", // q
                             // r
25
                             3, L"ddd", // s - 32, 33, 34
                             2, L"hi", // t - 35..38
                             // u
                             4, L"jhhi",// v - 44, 45, 46
                             // w
30
                             // x
                            // y
                             // z
                           };
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Figure 6. AN EXAMPLE FORWARD EQUIVALENCE TABLE

Similar in structure to the backward equivalence table but used to expand input strings instead of predefined strings during a string comparison.

5		
	radDef smartRads[238] = { 3, L"jha", 2, L"ji", 2, L"jh", 1, L"A", // a - 0, 1, 2, 3	
10	7, L"ifhidhb", 6, L"hjohhk", 6, L"ifhhhh", 5, L"ohhjl", 5, L"ifh", 4, L"ifkh", 3, L"ohh", 2, L"ok", 1, 1 12, L"dhkhbihelhhh", 11, L"jffhiexllee", 10, L"dhjeiilhlh", 7, 1	."K", // b
10	7, L"hhhilfm", 6, L"jeihfm", 6, L"ihhjhl", 5, L"jfotm", 5, L"jhhi", 4, L"oihd", 3, L"had", 3, L"hli", // c - 1425 7, L"taaajfd", 7, L"taaajfr", 6, L"jjihdr", 5, L"hldth", 5, L" L"hlfd", 4, L"hjfd", 4, L"ddhk", 3, L"jfd", 3, L"ddh", 3, 1 L"td", 2, L"id", 2, L"ld", 2, L"fd", 2, L"dh", 2, L"dh", /	fihd", 4, ,"dhj", 2,
15	5, L"adeld", 5, L"adeld", 4, L"eiei", 4, L"eioi", 3, L"aek", 3, L"el", 2, L"ej", 2, L"ed", // e - 4349 8, L"fihohifi", 7, L"fihohli", 6, L"thjlfh", 5, L"thjlh", 5, L	
20	L"oihih", 4, L"oiha", 4, L"hiha", 4, L"ihih", 4, L"dhjf", 4, L"ihhh", 3, L"iha", 3, L"thj", 2, L"ih", 2, 1 L"jf", 2, L"fj", // f - 5067	l, L"jhhh",
	11, L"jifhhhlklkr", 7, L"jifhhhi", 6, L"jifhhh", // g - 4, L"jhhi", 3, L"hih", 2, L"hj", // h ~ 7173 3, L"elf", 1, L"I", // i - 74, 75	- 6870
25	<pre>10, L"hhhihldjjj", 7, L"jifhhhj", 5, L"fdhij", 5, L"jihhi", 4, 1 L"lfhj", 4, L"jjhi", 4, L"johh", 3, L"jji", 3, L"jjj", 3, I L"jto", 3, L"jyA", 3, L"jsy", 2, L"jA", 2, L"fj", 2, L"jf", // j - 7693</pre>	"hjo", 3,
30	6, L"jyaikk", 6, L"khjohh", 6, L"hifikk", 5, L"dhkhA", 5, L"dhl L"thjik", 5, L"jjfhk", 4, L"lfhk", 4, L"dhkh", 4, L"fkfk", 4, L"hokh", 4, L"khha", 4, L"dhjk", 3, L"kao", 3, L"kkk", 2 L"ky", 2, L"kt", 2, L"ik", // k - 94113 5, L"jfeil", 4, L"oeil", 4, L"jhhl", 4, L"lhlh", 3, L"eil", 2,	4, L"eikk", 2, L"fk", 2,
	L"fl", 2, L"jl", // 1 - 114121	11 (1 , 2,
35	12, L"jihhifhofhhh", 12, L"jihhihfifhhh", 11, L"jihhxxfhhdh", 7, 6, L"okhihm", 5, L"ihoxm", 4, L"lixm", 4, L"ухху", 3, L"охт 122130	
4.0	10, L"ahoooifiih", 7, L"hoifkhi", 6, L"dhoifo", 6, L"jfjfth", 6, 5, L"jfhhi", 5, L"ifiih", 4, L"ifaa", 4, L"hhik", 3, L"ifa' 2, L"if", 2, L"jf", // n	-
40	4, L"hjoo", // o 5, L"jieet", 4, L"jiee", 3, L"dej", 3, L"eij", 2, L"ej", 2, L"e 144149	ei", // p -
45	9, L"johhothji", 7, L"hlihAik", 7, L"jotjlld", 4, L"Ahih", 2, I L"ei", 2, L"Ai", 1, L"Q", // q	, ,
4 7	4, L"jhhf", 4, L"hrjd", 4, L"jjir", 3, L"hrd", 3, L"rjd", 3, L' L"jfl", 2, L"jl", // r - 156162 4, L"dffk", 3, L"elf", 3, L"ikk", // s - 162163	njr", 3,

	6, L"niinnn", 5, L"nninb", 5, L"nliot", 5, L"]nnin", 5, L"nniih", 4,
	L"ehhi", 4, L"ehih", 4, L"hiih", 4, L"hhih", 4, L"jhhi", 4, L"hhhi", 3
	L"hhi", 3, L"hji", 2, L"ft", 2, L"ht", 2, L"hi", 2, L"tt", 1, L"T",
5	// t - 164179
	11, L"ihihaahaali", 5, L"jhtli", 4, L"hlih", 3, L"hli", 3, L"lii", 2, L"li"
	// u - 180185
	// v - 186
	8, L"ihlilihi", 8, L"jhhhihhh", 6, L"jfdhli", 5, L"lldik", 5, L"dhlld", 5,
10	L"jldfj", 5, L"jihhi", 4, L"lihj", 4, L"llds", 3, L"lld", 3, L"llj", 2
	L"pq", 1, L"W", // w - 186197
	7, L"thokhtx", 4, L"hijx", 3, L"dhx", 3, L"ihx", 3, L"jhx", 3, L"hjo", 2,
	L"jx", 2, L"hz", 2, L"kx", 2, L"rx", 2, L"xx", // x - 198207
15	5, L"dhjyy", 5, L"hhhik", 4, L"lihj", 4, L"jhha", 2, L"ha", 2, L"ky", 2,
	L"jy", 2, L"li", 2, L"yd", // y - 208216
	5, L"hhhiz", 5, L"hhhjz", 5, L"jlhrh", 5, L"jlhrd", 4, L"jlhr", 2, L"ez"
	// z - 217222